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PERSONAL

MARQUIS CAPPELLI has resigned the presidency of the Royal Geographical Society of Italy.

PROFESSOR HENRY C. COWLES, of the University of Chicago, lectured before the Geographic Society of Chicago, on October 8, on "Romance and Reality from the Mississippi Bottom Lands."

PROFESSOR ELIZABETH F. FISHER of Wellesley College is giving two courses of lectures in the Teachers' School of Science (Lowell courses in the university extension), Boston, one on "The Physical Geography of the Lands" based on concrete examples, attended by sixty students, and the other on "The Economic and Historical Geography of Greater Boston," attended by eighty students.

DR. W. T. GRENFELL will spend the winter in the United States and Canada making a transcontinental lecture tour to raise funds for his Deep-Sea Mission in Labrador.

DR. SVEN HEDIN has been elected a corresponding member of the Royal Academy of Sciences in Vienna.

DR. ELLSWORTH HUNTINGTON has been awarded the Elisha Kent Kane medal of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia. After the presentation, on November 3, Dr. Huntington lectured before the society on "Climate, Weather, and Daily Life."

PROFESSOR THEODOR KOCH-GRÜNBERG has been appointed scientific director of the Museum für Länder- und Völkerkunde in Stuttgart.

OBITUARY

COLONEL SIR CLAUDE M. MACDONALD died in England of heart failure on September 10, aged 63. While best known as a diplomatist, he did geographical work of distinct value, when, in 1887-88, he made a voyage up the Benue tributary of the Niger, whose upper course and affluents were imperfectly known. He was the first to map the Mayo Kebbi, the northeastern branch of the Benue, which he ascended in a small steamer. He thus revealed the navigable stretch of that river; but it was reserved for the French explorer Captain Lenfant later to trace the remarkable water connection which the Mayo Kebbi forms between the Benue basin and the basin of Lake Tchad.

DR. CHARLES FREDERICK HOLDER, the naturalist and author, known for his books on marine zoölogy and related subjects, died at his home in Pasadena, Cal., on October 11, aged 64 years. He was a voluminous author. Among his works were *Elements of Zoölogy*, 1885; *Stories of Animal Life*, 1900; *Game Fishes of the United States*, 1913; *Game Fishes of the World*, 1913.

DR. EMIL RUDOLPH, honorary professor of geography in the University of Strassburg, has died at the age of 61 years.

PROFESSOR PAUL STANGE, geographer in the government service of Chile (1890-1898), has died in Germany, aged 54 years. While in Chile he was associated with the explorations of H. Steffen and P. Krüger in the Chile-Argentine boundary region of the Patagonian Andes. He published in 1914 his "Landeskunde von Chile," reviewed in the October *Bulletin* of the Society (Vol. 47, 1915, p. 783).